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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 0104

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: FURTHER SIERRA LEONEAN EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE ETHIOPIA-SUDAN MEDIATION

1. LOCAL SUDANESE DIPLOMAT SAID CURRENT OAU CHAIRMAN OMAR BONGO PUSHING VERY HARD FOR ETHIOPIA-SUDAN RAPPROCHEMENT AND AS RESULT WAS EXERTING PRESSURE ON SIERRA LEONE'S SIAKA STEVENS TO ARRANGE FACE-TO-FACE MEETING BETWEEN SUDANESE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI AND ETHIOPIAN PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT (EPMG) CHAIRMAN MENGISTU. VENUE FOR MEETING UNDETERMINED, BUT SPECIAL ENVOY OF SIAKA STEVENS, AMBASSADOR EYA MBAYO, ARRIVED IN ADDIS JAN 5 AND DELIVERED MESSAGE FROM STEVENS TO MENGISTU FOLLOWING DAY.

2. AMB EYA HELD TALKS WITH ETHIOPIAN FONMIN DR COL FELLEKE GEDLE-GHIORGIS AND MOFA AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST DEPT HEAD BERHANU DINKA JAN 5. (FELLEKE AND BERHANU'S ASSISTANT PARTICIPATED AT FREETOWN MEETING.) IN MEETING WITH MENGISTU, AMB

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EYA ACKNOWLEDGED CLOSE COLLABORATION BETWEEN BONGO AND STEVENS AND PRIASED COOPERATION OF TWO CONCERNED PARTIES. MENGISTU EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SIERRA LEONE'S EFFORTS AND CONVEYED HEARTFELT GREETINGS OF ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE.

3. COMMENT: BUILDING ON MINOR CONCESSIONS WHICH EMERGED FROM FREETOWN MEETING, IT APPEARS PRES BONGO WISHES TO MAINTAIN

MOMENTUM TO ACHIEVE MORE SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS. HOWEVER, NEXT STAGE OF MEDIATION WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT, WITH SUDAN DEMANDING REDUCTION OF "GREAT POWER" INFLUENCE IN ETHIOPIA AND CESSATION OF ALLEGED SUPPORT TO DISSIDENT ANSAR CAMPS AND ETHIOPIAN DEMANDING END OF ACTIVE AND PASSIVE SUDANESE SUPPORT FOR ERITREANS, EDU, AND EPRP. IT DOES NOT APPEAR EITHER SIDE PREPARED TO MAKE THESE KINDS OF CONCESSIONS IN NEAR TERM, AND THUS PRES BONGO'S BEST EFFORTS MAY NOT BEAR FRUIT. PRESUMABLY STEVENS' ENVOY WILL ALSO VISIT KHARTOUM.

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